

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/010,769

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/26/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15 and 17-30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/2/2007.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In view of **Appeal Brief** filed on 26 September 2007 and an authorization for this Examiner's Amendment given in a telephone interview with Eric L. Prah (Reg. No. 32,590) on 10/02/2007, the claimed subject matters are further distinctly pointed out as patentable features to place the application in the condition for allowance.

This application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 16 and 31.

Replace claims 1 and 17 as follows.

Claim 1:

A method for generating an authentication code associated with an entity, the method comprising the steps of:

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retrieving a stored secret associated with an entity;
determining a dynamic value associated with a time interval;
retrieving a first generation value indicative of a number of previous authentication code generations within the time interval;
receiving a personal identification number (PIN);
generating an authentication code by combining the stored secret, the dynamic value, the first generation value, and the PIN; and
generating a second generation value responsive in response to receipt of the PIN.

Claim 17:

A system for generating an authentication code associated with an entity, the system comprising:
a memory element storing a secret associated with an entity;
a dynamic value subsystem determining a dynamic value associated with a time interval;
a personal identification number (PIN) subsystem receiving a PIN;
a first generation value subsystem determining a first generation value indicative of a number of previous authentication code generations within the time interval and calculating a second generation value responsive in response to receipt of the PIN by the PIN subsystem; and
a combination subsystem generating an authentication code by retrieving the secret from the memory element and combining the secret with the dynamic value

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from the dynamic value subsystem, the PIN received by the PIN subsystem, and the generation value from the generation value subsystem.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 15 and 17 – 30 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above mentioned claims are allowable over prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Art) of record fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations recited in claims 1 and 17 (& associated dependent claims).

The prior arts on record fail to teach or suggest a method for generating an authentication code associated with an entity by retrieving a stored secret associated with an entity; determining a dynamic value associated with a time interval; retrieving a first generation value indicative of a number of previous authentication code generations within the time interval; generating an authentication code by combining the stored secret, the dynamic value, the first generation value, and the PIN; and generating a second generation value triggered upon the receipt of the PIN.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Longbit Chai whose telephone number is 571-272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

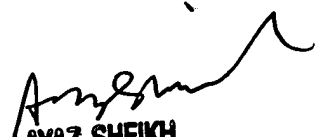
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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